

PROCLAMATION NO. 2013-01

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF GILA COUNTY, ARIZONA, PROCLAIMING MARCH 16, 2013, AS "MARCH FOR BABIES DAY" IN GILA COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the mission of the March of Dimes is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature births and infant mortality; and

WHEREAS, the United States has more than 500,000 babies who are born too soon each year; and

WHEREAS, prematurity is the leading cause of newborn deaths and babies who survive an early birth often face the risk of lifetime challenges such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and others; and

WHEREAS, 15 million babies worldwide were born preterm and more than one million die each year; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is determined to find answers to reduce the rate of preterm births; and

WHEREAS, research breakthroughs funded by the March of Dimes are already saving the lives of countless babies who were born prematurely; and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes has a 75-year history of providing education programs and success in funding research to improve public health, starting with the development of the polio vaccine that has eradicated the threat of the disabling and deadly virus in the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Gila County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim March 16, 2013, to be "*MARCH FOR BABIES DAY*" in Gila County, in an effort to educate our childbearing mothers and, in turn, this should decrease the number of premature births.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of February 2013.

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ATTEST:	GILA COUNTY BOARD OF SUFERVISORS
Marian Sheppard Chief Deputy Clerk	Michael A. Pastor, Chairman
	Tommie C. Martin, Vice-Chairman
	John D. Marcanti, Member